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WHITE LAKE MAN SENTENCED TO 63 MONTHS FOR CHILD PORN *ICE seized over 9,700 still images of child sexual exploitation*

DETROIT — A White Lake man was sentenced late Tuesday to more than five years in prison after pleading guilty to possessing and transporting child pornography, following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Michael Callender, 45, was sentenced yesterday to 63 months incarceration by Judge Gerald E. Rosen in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.

As part of an ongoing nationwide initiative called Operation Predator, ICE special agents began investigating individuals involved in an "Online Sharing Community" which included about 30 members in December 2003. During a search warrant conducted at Callender's White Lake residence in November 2004 in the 4100 block of Matthew Lane, ICE special agents seized: five computer hard drives, one laptop computer, two bags containing 3.5 inch floppy disks, two bags of laser disks, and other miscellaneous items. Forensic analysis of the seized material revealed 9,737 sexually exploitive still images of children, and 24 movies of child pornography.

"This other cases resulting from Operation Predator reveal the disturbing truth that some adults will go to great lengths to sexually exploit children," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Detroit Office of Investigations. "While we cannot give back the innocence to those who were abused and exploited, we can seek justice for these young victims. The great cooperative efforts of the Detroit area local, state and federal law enforcement and prosecuting agencies involved in these cases help ensure that justice is served on behalf of these child victims."

This ICE initiative known as Operation Predator, is an ongoing nationwide enforcement effort to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,300 individuals nationwide, including more than 160 in Michigan.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may also be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

John O'Brien, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan prosecuted this case. White Lake Police Department assisted with the investigation.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.